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Facing GOP backlash, McCarthy labors to shore up votes

By LISA MASCARO, KEVIN FREKING and STEPHEN GROVES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under fire from conservatives, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy worked strenuously Tuesday to sell fellow Republicans on the debt ceiling and budget deal he negotiated with President Joe Biden and win approval in time to avert a potentially disastrous U.S. default. Leaders of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus lambasted the compromise as falling well short of the spending cuts they demand, and they vowed to try to halt passage by Congress. A much larger conservative faction, the Republican Study Committee, declined to take a position, leaving McCarthy hunting votes.

With tough days ahead, the speaker urged skeptical GOP colleagues to "look at where the victories are." Unhelpfully for Biden, he said of the Democrats on "Fox and Friends," "There's nothing in the bill for them."

A key test was coming late Tuesday, when the House Rules Committee was to consider the 99-page bill and vote on sending it to the full House for a vote expected Wednesday evening.

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The draft of a bill that President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of Calif., negotiated to raise the nation's debt ceiling, is photographed Monday, May 29, 2023.

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The Rules Committee debate was filled with objections from both the left and right. Yet, in a notable development, conservative Republican Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky said he would vote in favor of advancing the bill to the House floor, almost ensuring it would clear the first hurdle.

Quick approval by both the House and Senate would ensure government checks will continue to go out to Social Security recipients, veterans and others, and prevent financial upheaval worldwide by allowing Treasury to keep paying U.S. debts. The deal would restrict spending over the next two years, but it includes environmental policy changes and expanded work requirements for some older food aid recipients that Democrats strongly oppose.

The Republican speaker said he would be talking with lawmakers in the evening as they return to Washington from the long Memorial Day weekend ahead of crucial votes.

"This is just the first step," McCarthy said of his agreement with Biden.

With few lawmakers expected to be fully satisfied, Biden, a Democrat, and McCarthy, a Republican, are counting on pulling majority support from the political center, a rarity in divided Washington, to prevent a federal default. Some 218 votes are needed for passage in the 435-member House.

House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries said it was up to McCarthy to turn out votes from some two-thirds of the Republican majority, a high bar the speaker may not be able to reach. Still, Jeffries said the Democrats would do their part to avoid failure. "It is my expectation that House Republicans would keep their promise and deliver at least 150 votes as it relates to an agreement that they themselves negotiated," Jeffries said. "Democrats will make sure that the country does



President Joe Biden meets with House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of Calif., to discuss the debt limit in the Oval Office of the White House, May 22, 2023, in Washington.

Associated Press

not default." McCarthy could expect no help from the right. "This deal fails, fails completely, and that's why these members and others will be absolutely opposed to the deal," Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., the chairman of the Freedom Caucus, said, flanked by others outside the Capitol. "We will do everything in our power to stop it."

Ominously, the conservatives warned of potentially trying to oust McCarthy over the compromise.

"There's going to be a reckoning," said Rep. Chip Roy of Texas.

Liberal Democrats decried the new work requirements for older Americans, those 50-54, in the food aid program. And some Democratic lawmakers were leading an effort against a surprise provision to green-light a controversial Mountain Valley Pipeline natural gas project through Appalachia.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, D-Wash., chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, said she appreciated that Biden was able to minimize the "extreme demands" Republicans made on spending, but she raised serious concerns about the food stamps and

other environmental policy changes.

She also had this warning for McCarthy: "He got us here and it's on him to deliver the votes."

Biden spent part of the Memorial Day holiday working the phones, calling lawmakers in both parties.

"I feel very good about it," Biden told reporters Monday, adding he had also spoken to Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, a past partner in big bipartisan deals who largely has been sitting this one out.

Wall Street was taking a wait-and-see approach. Stock prices were mixed in Tuesday's trading. U.S. markets had been closed when the deal was struck over the weekend.

Overall, the package is a tradeoff that would impose some federal spending reductions for the next two years along with a suspension of the debt limit into January 2025, pushing the volatile political issue past the next presidential election. Raising the debt limit, now \$31.4 trillion, would allow Treasury to continue borrowing to pay the nation's already incurred bills. All told, the package would hold spending essentially

flat for the coming year, while allowing increases for military and veterans accounts. It would cap growth at 1% for 2025.

Policy issues were raising the most objections.

Questions were also being raised about the unexpected provision that essentially would give congressional approval to the Mountain Valley Pipeline, a natural gas project important to Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., that many Democrats and others oppose as unhelpful in fighting climate change.

The top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Raúl Grijalva of Arizona, said including the pipeline provision was "disturbing and profoundly disappointing." But Manchin on Tuesday touted the pipeline project as something "we know we need."

The House aims to vote Wednesday and send the bill to the Senate, where Democratic Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and McConnell are working for passage by week's end. Schumer called the bill a "sensible compromise." McConnell said McCarthy "deserves our thanks."

Senators, who have re-

mained largely on the sidelines during much of the negotiations between the president and the House speaker, began inserting themselves more forcefully into the debate.

Some senators are insisting on amendments to reshape the package from both the left and right flanks. That could require time-consuming debates that delay final approval of the deal.

For one, Democratic Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia planned to file an amendment to remove the pipeline provision.

But making any changes to the package at this stage seemed unlikely with so little time to spare. Congress and the White House are racing to meet the Monday deadline now less than a week away. That's when Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has said the U.S. would run short of cash and face an unprecedented debt default without action.

A default would almost certainly harm the U.S. economy and spill around the globe, as the world's reliance on the stability of the American dollar and the country's leadership fell into question. □

Ruling clears way for Purdue Pharma to settle opioid claims

By GEOFF MULVIGHILL
Associated Press

A federal appeals court cleared the way for the maker of OxyContin to settle thousands of legal claims tied to the opioid epidemic while shielding the wealthy owners of Purdue Pharma, the Sackler family, from future lawsuits. Under the plan approved Tuesday by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York, members of the wealthy Sackler family would give up ownership of Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue, which would become a new company known as Knoa, with its profits being sent to a fund to prevent and treat addiction.

Family members would also contribute \$5.5 billion to \$6 billion in cash over time, or around half of what the court found to be their collective fortune, much of it held offshore. A chunk of that money — at least \$750 million — is to go to individual victims of the opioid crisis and their survivors. Payments are expected to range from about \$3,500 to \$48,000.

Tuesday's decision also protects members of the Sackler family from lawsuits over the toll of opioids, even though they did not file for bankruptcy.

The court's ruling reversed a 2021 ruling that found bankruptcy court judges did not have the authority to approve a settlement that would offer bankruptcy protections for those who have not filed for bankruptcy.

Those protections are at the heart of the proposed deal that would end claims filed by thousands of state, local and Native American tribal governments and other entities. Sackler family members have been clear that without the protections, they won't hold up their part of the deal.

"It's a great day for victims, some of who desperately need the money and have been waiting for this day for a long time," said Ed Neiger, a lawyer representing individual victims.

Cheryl Juaire, a Massa-

chusetts woman who lost two sons to overdoses, said she does not know what size payment to expect. "My children are gone and there's nothing I can do to bring them back," she said, but she said the funds would help her sons' children. "They'll have braces, they'll have glasses, they'll have things they need that they wouldn't have otherwise."

Sackler family members and Purdue also praised the decision.

"The Sackler families believe the long-awaited implementation of this resolution is critical to providing substantial resources for people and communities in need," family members who own Purdue said in a statement Tuesday. "We are pleased with the Court's decision to allow the agreement to move forward and look forward to it taking effect as soon as possible."

One non-financial term of their part of the deal is already fulfilled: listening silently, via Zoom, to the stories of some of the people harmed by their company's drug.

Purdue issued its own statement, calling the ruling "a victory for Purdue's creditors, including the states, local governments, and victims who overwhelmingly support the Plan of Reorganization." The company said it would focus on delivering "billions of dollars of value for victim compensation, opioid crisis abatement, and overdose rescue medicines."

Several states had withheld support for the plan, but after a new round of negotiations last year, all of them came on board. That left just one high-profile objector: the Office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Trustee, an arm of the Justice Department. A lawyer from that office told the 2nd Circuit in April 2022 that it's a "fundamental inconsistency" that people who do not seek bankruptcy protection and have to give up most of their assets could be exempted from some lawsuits.

The Justice Department did not immediately say whether it would appeal Tuesday's ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court, ask the Circuit Court to review its decision or accept the ruling as is. A spokesperson declined comment Tuesday. Even without an appeal, it could be months before the bankruptcy plan takes effect.

Some activists have also opposed the settlement and called for Sackler family members to be prosecuted for crimes. While the settlement wouldn't block that, there's no indication that charges are forthcoming.

While Sackler family members still technically own Purdue, they stopped receiving money from the



Jayde Newton helps to set up cardboard gravestones with the names of victims of opioid abuse outside the courthouse where the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy is taking place in White Plains, N.Y., on Aug. 9, 2021.

Associated Press

company years ago.

All three federal appeals judges who heard the Purdue case last year agreed that the Sackler family can be protected from law-

suits. In her majority opinion, Judge Eunice Lee said that the lawsuit protection is needed to ensure the fair distribution of money in the case. □



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New Mexico man charged in cold case: 'I needed to confess'

By SUSAN MONTOYA

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Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— Officers found Tony Peralta sitting on a curb not far from a convenience store where he borrowed a cell phone to call 911 and confess to the 2008 killing of his former landlord.

Sweating and taking puffs from his cigarette, he told them he's tired of covering it up, tired of living with the lie and tired of being overwhelmed by guilt. He agreed to take the officers to where he buried the body before standing up and volunteering to be cuffed.

Police in the southeastern New Mexico community of Roswell released the 911 recording and nearly an hour of officer body camera video in response to a records request filed by The Associated Press. The May 1 footage shows Peralta repeatedly thanking the officers for picking him up.

"I confess, man. I confess. I don't want to live life anymore without confessing," he said while sitting in an interview room at police headquarters.

The uniformed officers and detectives who talked with Peralta peppered him with



In this frame grab from body camera video provided by the Roswell Police Department, Officer Geovanni Stello adjusts the handcuffs of Tony Peralta after Peralta turned himself in to authorities, in Roswell, N.M., May 1, 2023.

questions about when the killing happened, how he did it and why.

Peralta kept answering that he didn't know or didn't remember, acknowledging that he had been drinking "a lot" the day he called 911.

Peralta, 37, was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of first-degree murder. His public defender has said he will ensure Peralta's due process is respected as the case moves through court. A judge on Tuesday also set Peralta's trial for October but said that date could change.

At times, the authorities had asked if Peralta was making up the story and leading them on a goose chase since he wasn't providing many details, other than saying he had killed someone a long time ago. "There's a dead body in there, dude!" he told one officer while in the back of a patrol car parked in front of the home where he once was a tenant of 69-year-old William Blodgett. Peralta said he'd feel better once the body was found. Investigators said they obtained a search warrant and found a boot, bones

and dentures after removing plywood floorboards from a detached room on the side of the house. The dentures were compared with Blodgett's dental records obtained in early 2009 after he was reported missing and that led to a positive identification, according to police. A tearful Peralta told police he didn't know why he had killed Blodgett. At one point, police video shows him putting his head down onto a table during an interview and sobbing. Peralta told police he decided to come forward be-

cause "his heart hurts" and that he thought about it every day. He told an officer that Blodgett was a good man and that he took his life for no reason while high on methamphetamine.

"I don't have an excuse," he told police. "A lot of people have an excuse. I don't have one."

Blodgett's girlfriend and family had not seen him since late December 2008. She told police that Peralta, who was considered a suspect by police early on, allegedly had some sort of argument or fight with Blodgett, who had tried to evict him.

Authorities at the time had talked to Blodgett's family, friends and neighbors and visited the home the two men shared, which appeared to have been abandoned with personal belongings still in place. Police found no immediate signs of foul play and Blodgett's vehicle was still there, according to the original missing person report.

Detectives would periodically drive by the house but never spotted anyone. They also brought a dog trained to sniff for bodies to the property but found nothing. □

Manson follower Leslie Van Houten should be paroled

By CHRISTOPHER WEBER and AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A California appeals court said Tuesday that Leslie Van Houten, who participated in two killings alongside cult leader Charles Manson in 1969, should be let out of prison on parole.

The appellate court's ruling reverses an earlier decision by Gov. Gavin Newsom, who rejected parole for Van Houten in 2020. She has been recommended for parole five times since 2016. All of those recommendations were rejected by either Newsom or former California Gov. Jerry Brown.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta could ask the California Supreme Court to stop her release.

Neither his office nor Newsom's immediately responded to requests for comment on whether they would do so.

Van Houten, now in her 70s, is serving a life sentence for helping Manson and other followers kill Leno LaBianca, a grocer in Los Angeles, and his wife Rosemary. Van Houten was 19 at the time. Newsom has said that Van Houten still poses a danger to society. In rejecting her parole, he said she offered an inconsistent and inadequate explanation for her

involvement with Manson at the time of the killings.

The Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles ruled 2-1 to reverse Newsom's decision, writing there is "no evidence to support the Governor's conclusions" about Van Houten's fitness for parole.

"The Governor's refusal to accept Van Houten's explanation amounts to unsupported intuition," the judges wrote.

Nancy Tetreault, Van Houten's attorney, said she expects Bonta to ask the state Supreme Court to review the lower court's decision, a process that could take years.



Leslie Van Houten attends her parole hearing at the California Institution for Women Sept. 6, 2017 in Corona, Calif. A California appeals court says Charles Manson follower Van Houten should be paroled.

Associated Press

In addition, Bonta will likely request a stay of the appellate court's ruling, Tetreault said. The high court could order Van Houten's release while it decides on whether to grant the stay.

"I will, of course, vigorously oppose any stay," Tetreault said. "And they could let her out during that process." □

NATO to send 700 more troops to Kosovo

By ZENEL ZHINIPOTOKU and
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Associated Press

PRISTINA, Kosovo (AP) — NATO will send 700 more troops to northern Kosovo to help quell violent protests after clashes with ethnic Serbs there left 30 international soldiers wounded, the alliance announced Tuesday.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said an additional reserve battalion would be put on high readiness in case additional troops are needed.

"These are prudent steps," said Stoltenberg, who made the announcement in Oslo after talks with the Norwegian prime minister. The NATO-led peacekeeping mission known as KFOR currently consists of almost 3,800 troops. A battalion typically ranges from 300 to around 1,000 troops.

Earlier Tuesday, KFOR's multinational peacekeepers used metal fences and barbed-wire barriers to reinforce positions in a northern town that has become a hot spot.

The troops sealed off the municipal building in Zvecan, where unrest on Monday sent tensions soaring and raised fears of instability amid increased Western efforts to resolve a long-simmering dispute.



KFOR soldiers, front, and Kosovo police officers guard a municipal building after yesterday's clashes between ethnic Serbs and troops from the NATO-led KFOR peacekeeping force, in the town of Zvecan, northern Kosovo, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Associated Press

A former province of Serbia, Kosovo's 2008 declaration of independence is not recognized by Belgrade. Ethnic Albanians make up most of the population, but Kosovo has a restive Serb minority in the north of the country bordering Serbia. Stoltenberg condemned the violence and warned that NATO troops would "take all necessary actions to maintain a safe and secure environment for all citizens in Kosovo."

He urged both sides to re-

frain from "further irresponsible behavior" and to return to EU-backed talks on improving relations. The United States and most European Union nations have recognized Kosovo's independence from Serbia while Russia and China have sided with Belgrade. China on Tuesday expressed its support for Serbia's efforts to "safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity," and Moscow has repeatedly criticized Western policies in the dis-

pute. Tensions first increased over the past weekend, after ethnic Albanian officials elected in votes overwhelmingly boycotted by Serbs entered municipal buildings. When the Serbs tried to block them, Kosovo police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd.

In response, Serbia put the country's military on the highest state of alert and sent more troops to the border with Kosovo. The Serbs protested again Monday,

insisting both ethnic Albanian mayors and Kosovo police must leave northern Kosovo.

The confrontations worsened when Serbs attempted to enter the municipal offices in Zvecan, 45 kilometers (28 miles) north of the capital, Pristina.

They clashed first with Kosovo police and then with the international peacekeepers who deployed in Zvecan.

In a video message issued Tuesday evening, Kosovo Prime Minister Albin Kurti said the mayors elected in the April 23 voting "are the only ones who have the legitimacy to be at the municipal buildings and to the citizens' service."

Instigators of the violence have been identified, according to the prime minister, who named some Serb businessmen who oblige their employees to protest. "In Kosovo, power is won through elections, not with violence and crime," he said.

The flareup has triggered international efforts to calm the situation.

The United States and the EU recently stepped up their work to negotiate an agreement between Serbia and Kosovo, fearing instability as Russia's war rages in Ukraine. □

Wildfire on Canada's Atlantic coast spurs evacuation of 16,000 people

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — A wildfire on Canada's Atlantic coast has damaged about 200 houses and other structures and prompted the evacuation of 16,000 people, many of whom were eager to return Tuesday to see whether homes and pets had survived.

Firefighters worked through the night to extinguish hot-spots in the fire that started in the Halifax area on Sunday, Halifax Deputy Fire Chief David Meldrum said. He said it was too early to give an exact count of homes destroyed, but the

municipal government put the toll at about 200 buildings. Dan Cavanaugh was among two dozen people waiting Tuesday in a Halifax-area parking lot to learn if their suburban homes had been consumed by the wildfire.

"We're like everyone else in this lot," said the 48-year-old insurance adjuster. "We're not sure if we have a house to go back to or the extent of the damages."

Police officers were writing down the names of residents and calling people to be escorted to see what had become of their prop-

erties. Sarah Lyon of the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said an eight-member team was preparing to head out into the evacuation zone to retrieve animals left behind.

In all, about 16,000 people have been ordered to leave their homes northwest of Halifax, most of which are within a 30-minute drive of the port city's downtown. The area under mandatory evacuation orders covers about 100 square kilometers (38 miles). □



Thick plumes of heavy smoke fill the Halifax sky as an out-of-control fire in a suburban community quickly spread, engulfing multiple homes and forcing the evacuation of local residents, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Sunday May 28, 2023.

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Brazil president proposes South America currency

By CARLA BRIDI
Associated Press

BRASILIA (AP) — Brazil's president proposed the creation of a regional trade currency to rival the U.S. dollar on Tuesday as he hosted a regional summit in a bid to revive a bloc of South America's 12 politically polarized countries. The Union of South American Nations, or Unasur, was launched in 2008 to boost cooperation, but became largely defunct about a decade later in disputes over leadership. Countries with right-leaning leaders at the time including Brazil saw the bloc as having a leftist bent and objected especially to the inclusion of Venezuela's authoritarian leftist President Nicolás Maduro.

Brazil's new leftist President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has proposed restarting the bloc now that the region has a greater number of leftist and centrist leaders. He called a South America Summit in Brasilia that has drawn all but one of the region's presidents.

In his opening speech, Lula said the group should discuss creating a currency to



Bolivia's President Luis Arce, from left, Venezuela's President Nicolás Maduro and Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva assemble for a group photo during the South American Summit at Itamaraty palace in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

Associated Press

challenge the hegemony of the U.S. dollar, as well as a common energy market and integration of the region's defense and security.

"As long as we're not united, we won't make South America a developed continent in all its potential," Lula said.

Lula, a former trade unionist who took office in January, welcomed Maduro in their first bilateral meeting Monday ahead of the summit.

He criticized the economic sanctions that countries such as the U.S. have imposed to get Venezuela to liberalize its politics, calling

them "completely exaggerated."

Lula said it is up to Maduro to "make Venezuela a sovereign country once again. And our opponents will have to apologize for the damage they've done." Lula's predecessor, the right wing populist Jair Bolsonaro, had followed the

lead of other right-leaning leaders and pulled Brazil out of Unasur in 2019. A key priority of Lula is to re-establish ties with regional neighbors that were severed under Bolsonaro.

Pablo Ibañez, who teaches geopolitics at the Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, said it was urgent for Lula to mend ties with Venezuela in part because of their shared border and the need to deal with Venezuela migrants and refugees.

But Lula's warm welcome of Maduro on Monday, which the Brazilian leader called "historic," may have gone too far and risks reviving tensions among other members of the South American bloc, Ibañez said.

"The Brazilian government gave massive ammunition to opposition groups," Ibañez said.

Including Lula and Maduro, 11 South American presidents are attending the summit, as well as the leader of the Council of Ministers of Peru, where the president, Dina Boluarte, faces charges and cannot leave the country. □

Malaysia finds 100 artillery shells on Chinese barge, says it likely plundered WWII shipwrecks

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's maritime agency said Tuesday a detained Chinese barge

likely plundered two World War II British shipwrecks in the South China Sea after discovering 100 old arti-



This undated photo released by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) on Tuesday, May 30, 2023, shows artillery shells on a Chinese-registered vessel detained by the Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA) in the waters of east Johor.

Associated Press

lery shells on it. Malaysian media reported that illegal salvage operators are believed to have targeted the HMS Repulse and the HMS Prince of Wales, which were sunk in 1941 by Japanese torpedoes days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. A total of 842 sailors perished, and the shipwrecks off the coast of Malaysia's central Pahang state are designated war graves. Fishermen and divers alerted authorities after spotting a foreign vessel near the area last month.

The maritime agency detained the barge, registered in Fuzhou, China, on Sunday for anchoring without a permit off southern Johor state. Upon investigation, the agency found piles of scrap metal and

an artillery shell believed to be from World War II on the vessel. The agency said a thorough search Tuesday found 100 more artillery shells of various sizes on the Chinese vessel. It said the shells were taken by the police bomb disposal unit to be detonated.

Britain's National Museum of the Royal Navy said last week it was "distressed and concerned at the apparent vandalism for personal profit." Known as prewar steel, the material from the two warships is valuable and could be smelted for use in manufacturing of sensitive scientific and medical equipment. The maritime agency said it believes the artillery shells are linked to the police seizure of dozens of artillery

shells and other relics at a scrapyard in Johor earlier this month. The New Straits Times newspaper said the shells are believed to be from the warships and that police conducted on-site controlled detonations of them. The agency said there were 32 crew members aboard the barge 21 Chinese, 10 Bangladeshis and a Malaysian.

In Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told reporters that the government has asked Malaysia to "handle the case fairly in accordance with law." She said Chinese citizens' safety and legitimate rights and interests must be protected and urged Malaysia to notify Beijing of the progress of the investigation. □

Alto Vista chapel and its link to Aruba's origins



According to Etnia Nativia, in the 18th century most of the inhabitants of Aruba were indigenous who lived on the north coast, one of the largest communities lived in Alto Vista.

As they were very religious, they had a chief with the name of Antonio Silvester who guided them in the Christian life and it was he who decided to build a stone chapel with a roof of corn rods, which would serve as a place of prayer. In 1750 it was blessed by Father Algemesi who came from Coro-Venezuela and appointed Domingo Antonio Silvester as the island's first prosecutor in the name of the Spanish crown and Rome. In 1752 the prosecution passed into the hands of Antonio Silvester's son-

in-law, Miguel Álvarez, who continued to guide the parishioners in their prayers.

According to the book, The History of Alto Vista by R.H. Nooyen, it is not known when Domingo Antonio Silvester came to Aruba from Venezuela. The elders believe Antonio was a Spaniard. In 1780, father Joseph Antonio de la Vega called Bernardino Silvester, one of Antonio's sons with his wife Anna Cathalina Tromp, "neighbors and naturals of the island Aruba" and thus they became natives.

At the end of the eighteen century many inhabitants of the island died as a result of the black fever epidemic and since people believed that the Alto Vista area was the most infected, they be-



gan to build their homes further south within the Noord area, so the town of Noord began to grow into a community till getting its own Church. However religious festivals continued to be celebrated at this sacred native place, with the custom of arriving in procession to Alto Vista.

Two-hundred years after the beautiful time of Alto Vista, people can no longer see much of the town of Alto Vista from 1750. With a lot of work they found the old foundations of the Church of the Queen of the Holiest Rosary to build a new chapel on the same place. The entire surrounding area was empty and

desolated, making it hard to imagine that Alto Vista was a town at all. A hundred years later, people can see the remains of around twenty houses, some made of stone and others of clay. Nowadays, only around six of these houses remain.

South of the chapel in the yard two graves can be observed, there was the cemetery which father Pablo de Algemesi blessed. It is not certain, but it is believed that the two graves belong to Antonio Silvester and Miguel Alvarez, according to Nooyen. About 50 meters near the chapel there are still the markings of an old house, where

Antonio and Bernardino Silvester would have lived. About 200 meters from the chapel there is a water tank which the locals call Tanki Cacique. In the past this tank was closed. But mostly water was brought out from the Poz di Noord, a well dug in the sand.

The chapel can be viewed from basically any point in the north side, even from Paradera and Sero Plat. All the historical remains around the chapel provide us with an idea on how the old people of Alto Vista used to live. Don't miss the opportunity to visit a place of historical significance with a window to Aruba's past. □



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Main dishes

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It's been said that Fred's chickens are the ones to die for!

Compliment your dish with a side of your choice and voila..!

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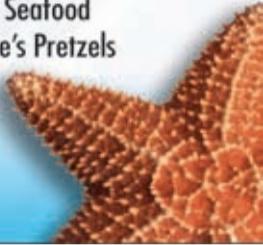
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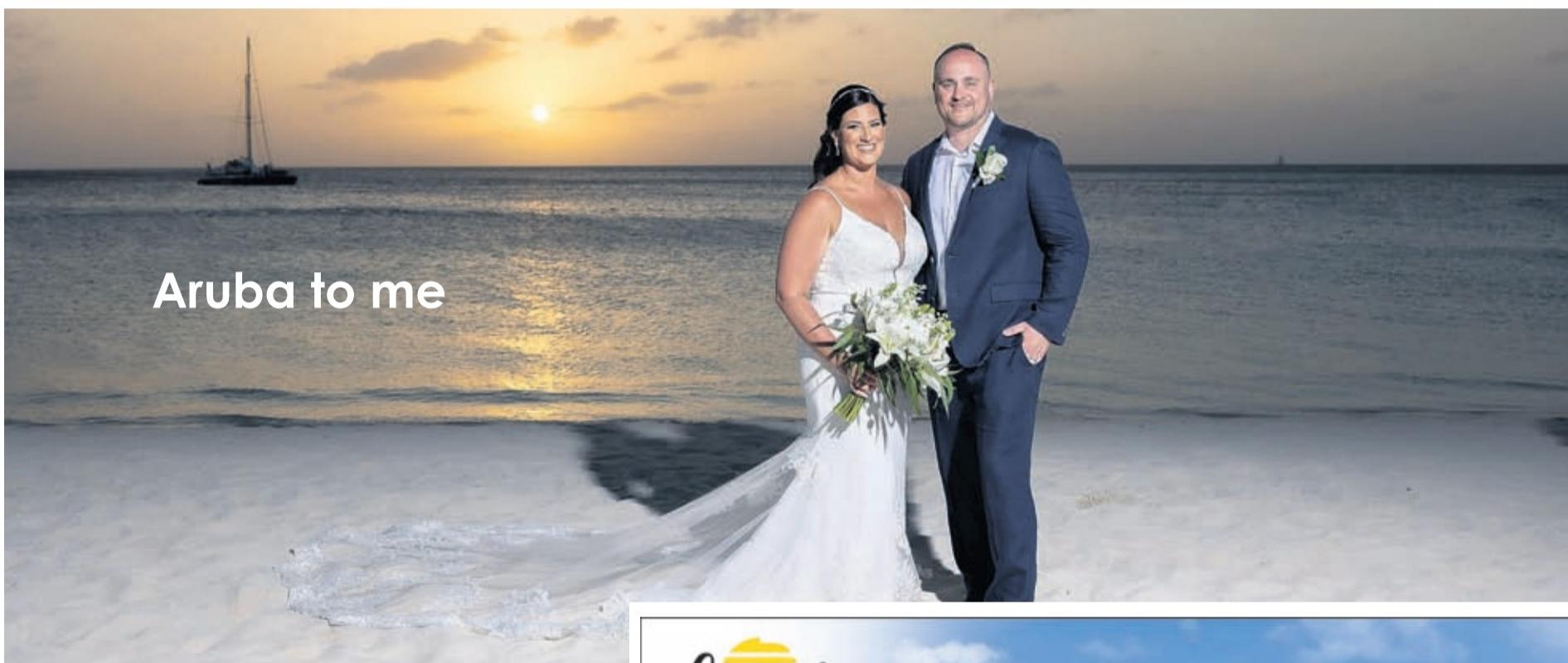
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For today we received a lovely message from **Kevin and Samantha McKnight from Brick, NJ.**

They wrote to us saying; "Aruba to me is a part of our lives forever. My wife, Samantha and I had our wedding at the Hilton on May 6, 2023. We will always be grateful for the hospitality of the island and will be back every year to celebrate our anniversary."

We congratulate you on your wedding and thank you for sharing this wonderful message with our readers! ☺

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Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

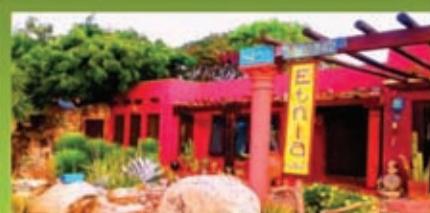
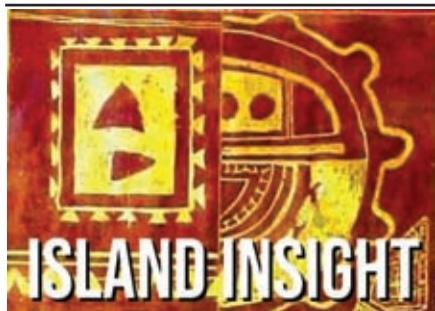
In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Carmela & Joseph Villari** who relayed this message to us: "We are back again to enjoy this beautiful island! What better way to celebrate our birthday vacation at The Hilton Aruba!" Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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Reflection of rock gazes

Aruba is a highly demanded tourist destination with a fragile ecosystem on a very small piece of earth, but it has thousands of years of human history and millions in geological terms. Our native heritage teaches us to love and respect our roots, and our greatest desire is to protect and preserve them. Here is where the objective of this blog comes to mind: educating our readers about Aruba's cultural heritage.

In this episode, we want to create consciousness about "rock art" sites and, to some extent, be guardians of them. Although efforts have been made in the past to educate the inhabitants to participate in its conservation, it is also necessary to take into account that the rock art is located in the open air and is not only exposed to the effects of weather but also to human vandalism.

Contrary to popular beliefs, rock art was not created by cannibal inhabitants of the mythical epoch; it does not reflect buried treasure maps, nor was it meant to scare away demons or evil spirits. The pre-historic artist had the goal in mind of informing, creating beliefs, and handing over knowledge. Communication abilities were valuable in trade and commerce, and rock art was also a way of telling stories and archiving them for future generations' use. Changes in rock art styles often reflect new ideologies and/or religious practices.

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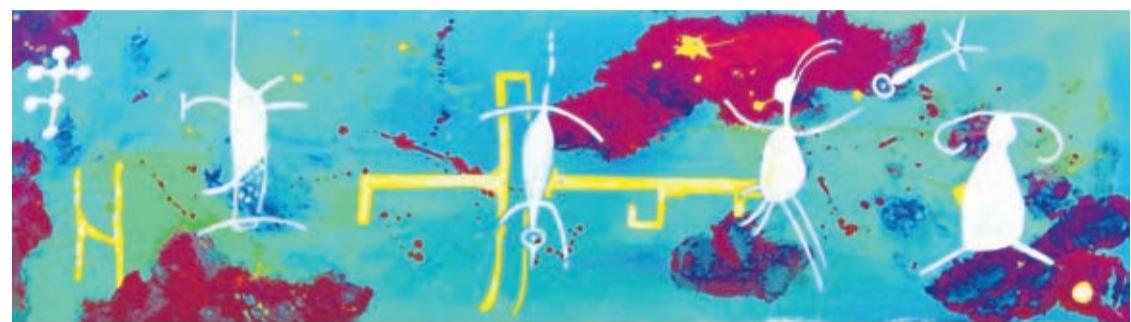
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In total, 301 pictographs (including 3 petroglyphs) have been found on Aruba. Of course, one drawing can be as little as a point or line that may be meant as a separate drawing by the ancient artist. Still, by counting every separate representation that everybody would call a drawing, one reaches a total of approximately 270 to 331 separate drawing representations over 17 sites.

While petroglyphs are carved or pecked into an exposed rock surface, pictographs are painted onto those surfaces. Petroglyphs are less common than pictographs. Pecking into the rock to create petroglyphs was accomplished with a hammer stone or stone chisel. Different pecking techniques create different styles. Incising or scratching with a sharp tool was also practiced. Incised designs are more expressive and detailed than pecked designs.

Pictographs are usually created on light-colored, protected from the elements, granite, quartz diorite, or limestone surfaces, such as cave walls and cave ceilings. Stylized animals, humans, and geometric object designs are common subjects. Pictograph pigments and binders were probably obtained from soot, vegetal pigments, blood, or pulverized minerals. The colors generally used were red, orange, white, and black. Red pigment probably came from hematite or iron oxide; orange



from a combination of hematite, ocher, limonite, lichen, or Brazil wood.

The official native rock artist was often a mystical healer, herbal blender, and color creator, but probably because of his power to heal and commune with the supernatural, he inspired creativity in himself. They were undoubtedly a continuation of the first surviving shaman migrations through Bering more than twenty thousand years ago, and in our native language they are well known as "curiosos."

A long time ago, in Aruba, it was common to consult the curious about certain cures. The central concept or approach is based on the trust of those who seek healing. Through art, shamans can summon good spirits to help restore parts of the soul. Art is good, and in this specific case, rock art, it does not heal or repair; it helps to restore the soul. Today, shamanic healing is part of a holistic system.

Different studies show the multiple benefits of artistic practices, such as strengthening self-esteem and self-confidence, reducing stress and anxiety, enhancing our memory, and improving concentration.

Now, if you love to know everything about Aruba, do something off the "tourist grid" and surprise yourself by visiting Etnia Nativa, a private residential museum and unique place that introduces you to an authentic glimpse of the island's native cultural heritage.

Since 1994, Etnia Nativa has been the home of Anthony, a native artist and "Island-Insight" blogger who guides each visitor through resplendent collections from his family heritage dating back to 1640, when the Dutch occupation began. Visit it and feel the true native effect!

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Sea turtle conservation by Turtugaruba Foundation



ORANJESTAD — Turtugaruba was founded on September 3rd, 2003, by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. Ten years earlier in 1993, a Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) was introduced in Aruba and the rest of the Caribbean as an initiative of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Tom Barmes, who was working at DLVV (Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery) was one of the writers of the STRAP for Aruba, together with Karen Eckert, director of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network). This is how sea turtle conservation started on the island following a plan that is still complied with today.

Tom formed a group of volunteers around him like an organization such as DLVV, because nature does not know office hours. This group of volunteers used the name Widecast Aruba and today there are still a few of them active. They first started protecting the Leatherback Sea Turtle nests on Palm Beach and Eagle Beach. This group also investigated which other species of sea turtles use Aruba as their nesting habitat and which beaches are used by them. For a period of 25 years, a study has been conducted in which investigators monitored the beaches every morning to study turtle movement. Now, there is a good overview of sea turtle nesting activities.

There are 4 different species of sea turtle that visit Aruba to lay their eggs, each with their own specific season:

- Leatherback Sea Turtle - Lederschildpad - Driekiel (March – September)
- Loggerhead Sea Turtle - Dikkopschildpad - Cawama (May – September)
- Hawksbill Sea Turtle - Karetsschildpad - Caret (June – December)
- Green Turtle - Soepschildpad - Turtuga Blanco (July-November)

Investigators also reached a better understanding and overview of the biggest threats to the sea turtles' existence in Aruba and how these problems should be tackled. Despite the hard work all those years, most problems have not really gone away. Luckily—and thanks to the enormous efforts from the volunteers, the sea turtles are still here. On Aruba, the sea turtles are threatened with extinction by pollution, people driving ATVs on dunes and beaches and the loss of nesting beaches due to coastal development for tourism. Because coastal development comes with artificial lighting, these can cause major issues for sea turtles. Female turtles usually come ashore at night looking for a dark beach to make her nest. However, a dark beach is hard to find here nowadays. Light

causes stress and can result in her returning to the sea without laying her eggs. Furthermore, artificial lighting causes disorientation for the baby sea turtles (hatchlings).

They crawl towards artificial light sources (like streetlights, hotel lights, etc.) and end up walking in the opposite direction towards the hotels and away from the sea. In the 90's, it was a common occurrence to find complete nests of about 70 hatchlings dead on the street due

to being run over by passing cars. Thanks to their protection methods and a lot of time and effort, the volunteers of Turtugaruba have managed to get this under control. However, for long-term prevention, there must be less light visible on the beaches and a strict regulation of it. Sea turtles simply need dark nesting beaches for their survival. It is clear that even more coastal development would not make the situation better for the sea turtles. Do we need more hotel rooms? And even busier beaches? These are the choices that Aruba has to make. Do we want to leave a place for the sea turtles? Not only do we need sea turtles, but so does the rest of the world! Sea turtles play a vital role in keeping our oceans healthy. The Green Turtle, for example, keeps the sea grasses on the bottom of the sea short and therefore a healthy place for many fish to deposit their eggs. The Leatherback, the largest turtle of the world, eats mainly jellyfish and helps maintain the balance between jellyfish and plankton.

Despite the threats that exist on Aruba, the turtles still keep coming. That's why today Turtugaruba is especially proud of the volunteers and the many people and organizations of our community that carry a warm place in their hearts for the sea turtles. All four species are active now, which means all hands on deck in the field for us, the volunteers. We strive to keep the sea turtles, our oldest 'repeat guests', always coming back to Aruba and get the chance to reproduce here. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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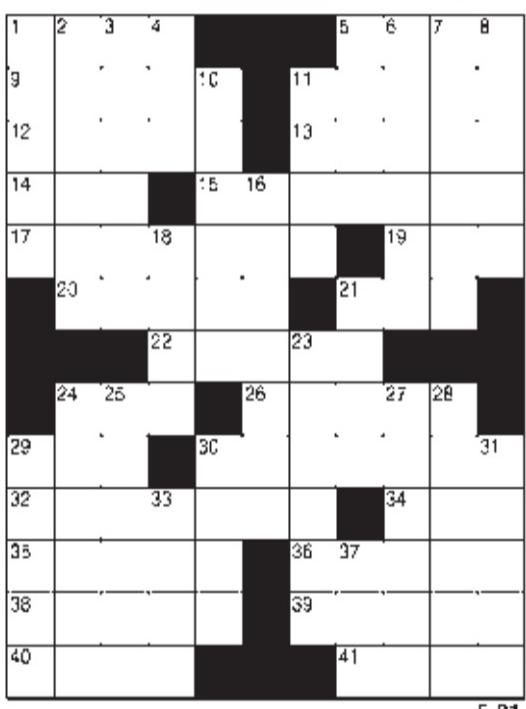
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO PLAY A LONG TIME TO BE ABLE TO PLAY LIKE YOURSELF. — MILES DAVIS



Credit cards as seen Thursday, July 1, 2021, in Orlando, Fla.
Associated Press

Millennial Money: 3 signs you may need a credit card hiatus

By MELISSA LAMBARENA of NerdWallet

When your finances start to spiral and it becomes increasingly difficult to keep up with credit card payments or build toward financial goals, switching your payment method temporarily to cash or debit could help.

Spending with credit cards can stimulate the brain's reward center and drive you to make more purchases, according to a recent study by MIT Sloan School of Management. The 2021 study had a small sample size of 28 participants, but other research also finds that people are likely to spend more with credit cards. However, it is possible to avoid overspending and the costs of interest charges on outstanding debt by using cash instead. A vacation from credit card spending isn't for everyone, though. If you want to preserve your credit scores, you'll still need to keep zero-balance credit cards open and active with small recurring purchases such as paying for streaming service subscriptions or other similar transactions. Issuers may close inactive accounts, which can cause credit scores to drop.

By not piling new purchases on your credit cards, making more progress on debt or savings is possible. If you need a sign to determine if this course is right for you, here are some instances when shifting your spending to cash or debit can make sense.

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You might not need to go cold turkey on your credit card spending. If you tend to overspend only in specific categories, consider setting aside a fixed amount of cash or funds on your debit card to cover those expenses. For those purchases that don't lead your budget astray, continue using a credit card and paying it off in full every month to avoid interest charges.

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T.J. Newman returns with a novel that's on par with summer movie blockbusters

By ALICIA RANCILIO
Associated Press

Time is a precious commodity and some readers need to be hooked from page one. T.J. Newman's 2021 debut novel "Falling" (Avid Reader/Simon & Schuster) begins with a sentence that blasts out of a cannon: "When the shoe dropped in her lap the foot was still in it."

The novel — about a pilot whose family will be killed if he doesn't crash the plane he's flying — had an equally fast trajectory to the best-seller list.

With Newman's second book, "Drowning: The Rescue of Flight 1421," out Tuesday, she again starts with a bang: "Will Kent opened his eyes just to see the engine explode."

In "Drowning," a plane crashes into the ocean shortly after takeoff and its survivors, including a father and his young daughter, race against the clock to be rescued before the plane sinks. The events unfold from various points of view because, as Newman says, "every person is the lead character in their story, you put them in an enclosed environment on a plane, add a central conflict, and you've got a rich, fully fleshed-out (narrative)."

Newman says she's "obsessed with the reader experience" and feels satisfaction if her books are devoured in big gulps.

"I don't want to just have a reader read a book, I want them to experience a story. When people say, 'I stayed up till four in the morning reading, I couldn't put it down and had to know what happened,' nothing makes me happier."

Newman's books have also made her wealthy. Even before its release, "Drowning" sold for \$1.5 million to Warner Bros. in a bidding

war. Newman gets to work closely on the adaptations, too: She is writing the screenplay for "Falling" and will be an executive producer on "Drowning." In an interview that's been condensed for clarity and brevity, Newman discussed why women in the action-thriller space are rarities and how working as a flight attendant for 10 years informs her writing.

AP: You're one of a number of authors lately who gets to be involved in the Hollywood adaptation of your novels. Do you think that helps to keep the bones of the story intact?

NEWMAN: Definitely. I know this story backwards. That being said, it was also fascinating to get on these calls with directors and writers and actors and studio executives who know movies backwards. And to have them say to me, "Here's an interesting way that we could tell your story." It was eye-opening and humbling and inspiring to see all the different creative interpretations of a story that I had already told the best way that I knew how. Communication between the two is crucial. The author is the natural go-between of those two worlds.

AP: Because not a lot of women find success, let alone opportunities in this space, do you feel you're in a unique place?

NEWMAN: These stories are the kind of stories that I want to tell, but they're not the kind of stories that women usually get to write and that's really exciting to me. You look at the books that I love and the movies that I love, and you look at the screenwriters and they're not women. There wasn't a place for me in this world for a long time. As I was trying to get my first book out there, I



Author T.J. Newman poses for a portrait in Phoenix on May 16, 2023, to promote her latest book, "Drowning."

Associated Press

faced a lot of rejection because of that.

AP: Your answer makes me wonder if you go by T.J. Newman, a unisex name, for that reason?

NEWMAN: It is not. My name is Torri Jan and I went by it because I wanted that little bit of space between public and personal. But, I hear all the time comments of, "He wrote a great book. I like his book" and "Oh, I didn't know she was a girl." It was an uphill battle to get where I am and I'm sure (gender) factored into it. I hope to show a way forward to the other women out there who want to write about massive, epic, explosion-filled, stories of danger and adventure and peril that women aren't sup-

posed to write about.

AP: I realize it's annoying to be asked about your next book after "Drowning," but will you continue with this genre?

NEWMAN: I won't write exclusively airplane thrillers. They're not the only stories that I have to tell, but I've got a few more. You don't work in aviation for 10 years and only come up with one or two good stories.

AP: For the nervous flyers out there, we look to the flight attendants for cues during turbulence, as they set the tone for the environment. Is that a good coping mechanism?

NEWMAN: I can tell you, we are aware of that. You can watch it as a flight attendant. The flight will be

completely smooth and nobody's looking at you and nobody is paying any attention to you.

The second you hit some genuine turbulence, all eyes are on you. You can feel it. You can feel everybody suddenly watching you, looking for that reassurance that "This is normal, right?" I love that moment, if I'm being honest, because it's the moment when everybody remembers what flight attendants are actually on the plane to do.

We are safety and security professionals, first and foremost, full stop. And I think that gets lost a lot of the times because people think we're just there for service. □

French Open's No. 2 seed, Daniil Medvedev, loses to 172nd-ranked qualifier, Thiago Seyboth Wild

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

PARIS (AP) — If anyone thought a couple of recent runs to Week 2 at the French Open and a clay-court title a little more than a week ago made Daniil Medvedev a little fonder of the red stuff, forget it.

A first-round loss as the No. 2 seed at Roland Garros against Thiago Seyboth Wild, a qualifier ranked 172nd who never had won a Grand Slam match anywhere until Tuesday sure reminded Medvedev of his distaste for the slow surface used in Paris.

"I had a mouthful of clay since probably the third game of the match, and I don't like it. I don't know if people like to eat clay, to have clay in their bags, in their shoes, the socks white socks, you can throw them (into the) garbage after clay season," said Medvedev, who won the 2021 U.S. Open and reached three other major finals on hard courts. "Maybe some people like it. I don't."

Seyboth Wild needed to win three matches in qualifying rounds last week just to make it into the men's bracket something he'd



Brazil's Thiago Seyboth Wild reacts after winning a point against Russia's Daniil Medvedev during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

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failed to do on eight previous attempts at Slams but looked very much like he belonged on Court Philippe Chatrier. He hit big forehands and kept his nerve down the stretch to oust Medvedev 7-6 (5), 6-7 (8), 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

It's the first time the second-seeded man lost in the first round of the French Open since 2000, when Pete

Sampras no fan of clay himself was eliminated by Mark Philippoussis.

"It definitely was the happiest day of my life," said Seyboth Wild, a 23-year-old from Brazil. "I knew it was going to be a tough match, but I knew how to play. I have watched him play 1,000 times already. I just had to believe in myself."

So what was his game plan going in?

"Walking on the court, I really just wanted to get the angles, try to get to the net as much as possible, try to use my forehand against his," Seyboth Wild explained. "It worked pretty well."

Did it ever.

Employing a high-risk, high-reward style, Seyboth Wild compiled a 69-45 edge in

total winners, including 47-15 on the forehand side.

He hadn't even played a tour-level main-draw match at all in 2023, instead competing on the lower-level ATP Challenger Tour. At his most recent event, in Turin, Italy, Seyboth Wild made it to the quarterfinals and left with a paycheck for \$5,950. "His life is going to be better if he plays like this every match," Medvedev said. "He's going to get more money, more sponsors, win big titles. But he has to play like this. Not once on the Philippe Chatrier, but a lot of times in different tournaments all over the world throughout the year." At his news conference, Seyboth Wild drew the sort of attention and questions that arrive when a relatively unknown player pulls off a stunning win.

One reporter pulled out some puns related to Seyboth Wild's last name, including references to whether this was his "wildest victory" and exceeded his "wildest dreams" to which the response was: "I honestly don't know how many times I have heard that joke, but it never gets old." □

Hudson quits as U.S. men's soccer interim coach

Anthony Hudson quit as interim head coach of the U.S. men's soccer team on Tuesday, just two weeks before he was to lead the Americans in the CONCACAF Nations League semifinals.

He was replaced by B.J. Callaghan, another hold-over from former coach Gregg Berhalter's staff.

Hudson's departure was announced just six days after the U.S. Soccer Federation said he was remaining as coach of the Americans through the CONCACAF Gold Cup this summer. The USSF said Hudson was taking a job with a club but

did not identify the team or the role. The USSF said the decision to elevate Callaghan, a 41-year-old from Ventnor, New Jersey, was made by Matt Crocker, who is leaving relegated Southampton to become USSF sporting director on Aug. 2. Crocker is leading the search for a permanent coach to guide the team through the 2026 World Cup, which the Americans will co-host. Neither Callaghan nor Crocker was made available to media by the USSF to discuss the change. Hudson was appointed interim coach on Jan. 4, four days after Ber-

halter's contract expired. Hudson led the Americans to two wins, one loss and two draws. His five games were the fewest for a U.S. coach since John Kowalski led the team against Canada and Mexico in March 1991 between the terms of Bob Gansler and Bora Milutinovic. Callaghan figures to have the full player pool available for the CONCACAF Nations League final four. The defending champion Americans play Mexico on June 15 and Canada or Panama three days later. Most Europe-based players are expected to skip the CONCACAF Gold



United States head coach Anthony Hudson walks on the pitch before an international friendly soccer match against Colombia Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, in Carson, Calif.

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Cup, which starts June 24 and runs through July 16. Callaghan played at Ursinus and spent six seasons at Villanova, becoming associate head coach. He worked in the youth academy of Major League Soc-

cer's Philadelphia Union, then became an assistant coach in 2014. He was hired by the USSF as strategy analyst and assistant coach in January 2019, a month after Berhalter became head coach. □

A year later, LIV Golf is fitting into golf landscape as an island

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — The catchphrase at LIV Golf seems to have changed in recent months to a bolder tone. Gone is Greg Norman's tired pitch that "Golf is a force for good." More common these days is the pronouncement that "We're not going anywhere."

That appears to be true. Much to the chagrin of the PGA Tour, there is no indication the Saudi-funded league is about to fold.

But is it going anywhere? LIV Golf in just one year has managed to fit into the golf landscape, even if it remains on an island. The majors have played the most significant role in this process by doing what's best for them and for golf and leaving their criteria alone. Otherwise, LIV Golf marches on to its own beat, a legitimate league with top players that doesn't look like any of the other tours except for 14 clubs in the bag. It's appealing to some, unappetizing to others, and the decision to watch is open to all.

There have been LIV events in Arizona and Oklahoma, Florida and Virginia, the same group of 48 players (with occasional withdrawals for injury and capable substitutes) playing for a



LIV Golf CEO Greg Norman looks on during the final round of LIV Golf DC at Trump National, Sunday, May 28, 2023, in Sterling, Va.

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\$4 million winner's check, sparkling wine sprayed for the winning team, music blaring and then it's on to the next town.

Golf as a whole only suffers because a small group of the best players at LIV such as Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau and Cameron Smith don't get to compete more than four times a year against the much larger group of the best on the PGA Tour. Koepka winning the PGA Championship and leading after 54 holes at the Masters was

more about the return of Koepka to good health and major mojo than it was the viability and validation of LIV Golf.

Smith said it best at Oak Hill: "We haven't forgotten how to play golf. We're all great golfers out there, and we know what we can do, and I think that's what we're trying to do."

It was one year ago on Tuesday that an email from LIV Golf announced its initial roster of players, with Johnson being the biggest shock because he was (is) among golf's biggest tal-

ent, who only a few months earlier said he was fully committed to the PGA Tour. The inaugural event was a week later outside London. More defections followed (Koepka, DeChambeau), and then came the antitrust lawsuit against the PGA Tour by 11 players all of whom have removed themselves as plaintiffs and turned it over to LIV.

The lawsuit and the tour's countersuit are caught up in discovery disputes in federal court. Any trial is more than a year away. To no one's surprise, attorneys

might be making more money than the combined LIV Golf earnings of Danny Lee and Pat Perez. It's a lot. Another thing that surprised no one: PGA Tour players are benefitting as much as anyone.

The Memorial was an elite tournament with a \$12 million purse last year. Now it's one of eight elevated events that offer \$20 million in prize money, and that doesn't include \$20 million prize funds at the FedEx Cup playoff events or a bump to \$25 million at The Players Championship.

Jordan Spieth was among those who saw this coming, even if he didn't know the details. It was at Kapalua in January 2022 when Spieth said, "For us players ... it's been something that has kind of helped the PGA Tour sit and say, 'Hey, where can we look to satisfy our membership and potentially make some changes going forward?'

The tour returns to a traditional calendar schedule in 2024 January to August, with a choice to play the rest of the year without the risk of starting too far behind. There will be eight elevated events (not including the majors or postseason) with smaller fields that are still determined by performance, keeping the crucial meritocracy in golf. □

NASCAR suspends Chase Elliott for 1 race for wrecking Denny Hamlin



Denny Hamlin (11) crashes on the front stretch during a NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Monday, May 29, 2023, in Concord, N.C.

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AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — NASCAR suspended Chase Elliott for one race on Tuesday, one day after the five-time most popular driver and former Cup champion deliberately wrecked Denny Hamlin in the Coca-Cola 600. Hendrick Motorsports said in a statement it will not appeal the suspension and Corey LaJoie will replace Elliott in the No. 9 Chevrolet this weekend at Gateway, outside of St. Louis. "We understand NASCAR's need to maintain consistency in its officiating," Hendrick Motorsports said in a statement. Elliott denied deliberately

crashing Hamlin with a dangerous left hook into Hamlin's car during the rain-rescheduled race Monday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Hamlin countered with simulated data he posted on social media after the crash, then double-downed on calls for Elliott to be suspended on his Tuesday podcast. Hamlin owns the car driven by Bubba Wallace, who was suspended one race last year for deliberately hooking Kyle Larson in a race in Las Vegas. The move is considered one of the most dangerous in NASCAR. NASCAR cited Sections 4.3.A and 4.4.C &

D of the NASCAR Member Code of Conduct laid out in the NASCAR Rule Book in Elliott's suspension. Section 4.3.A cites NASCAR member conduct and states "correct and proper conduct, both on and off the racetrack, is part of a member's responsibilities." Section 4.4.C lists "removing another competitor from championship contention in a dangerous manner when not racing for position based on the available evidence and specific circumstances of the incident" as one of two actions that could result in a penalty, including race suspensions. □